



At the Court
at White-Hall
the last of Ja-
nuary. 1604.

Orders and Articles made and agreed vpon, by the right Honourable the Lords and
others of the Kings Maiesties most Honourable Priuie Councell, appointing what kinds and sorts of bread are to be
made and solde vnto his Highnes Subiectes, with other good orders to be obserued and kept, for refo-
rmation of diuers disorders and abuses, vied by diuers persons touching the same.



As much as we are credibly informed by Iohn Powell Clarke of the market of his Highnes
most Honourable Household, That diuers Bakers and other persons, taking vpon them the mi-
stery of baking and vntering of bread vnto the Kings Maiesties Subiectes in the Common-
wealth, for their owne priuate lucre and commoditie, doe not onely make and sell vnto the
Subiects breads of od Sizes, made by their own inuentions, but also diuers kinds and sorts
of bread, which are both repugnant vnto the lawes & good Ordinances of the realme, and
likewise hurtfull vnto the Common wealth. Wherefore we will and require them and euery
of them, that they obserue and keepe the good vse and ancient order, in making, sizing and sel-
ling of all sorts of their breads, according to the auncient lawes & Ordinances of this Realme
of Eng'and, and as hereafter followeth.

First that no manner of person or persons, shall keepe a Common Bakehouse, in Citties or Corporate Townes, but
such persons, as haue been apprentized vnto the same mystery, or brought by therein, for the more space of seuen yeares,
and shall put his owne proper marke and seale vpon all sortes of mans bread, which hee or they shall make & sell.

Item that no Bakers, or other persons, doe make, bake, vtter & sell, any kinds, or sorts of breads, but such which
the auncient and ancient Ordinances of this Realme, doe allowe, them to bake and sell: viz. they may bake and
sell, Symnell bread, wastell, white, wheaten, household, and horsebread, and none other kindes of bread to put to sale vn-
to his Maiesties Subiects.

Item they must make & bake, farthing whitebread, half penny white, penny white, half penny wheate, penny whea-
ton bread, penny household, & two penny household loaves, & none of greater size, vnder pain of forfeiture vnto the pooe people
all such great bread, to wch they or any of them shal make to sel of greater size (the time of Christmas alwaies excepted).

Item they shall not vtter & sell to any Inholder, or victualer, either in mans bread, or horsebread, (which shall retails
the same) but onely thirteene pennyworth for twelue pence, without any poundage or other advantage.

Item they shall sell & deliuer vnto Inholders and victualers in household, but onely three loaves for a penny, and
thirteene pennyworth for twelue pence (as aforesaid) every one of the same three horseloaves weighing the full weight
of a penny white loafe, whether wheate bee good cheape or deare, in which assize of horsebread, the Inholder gaineth
vi. d. ob. in every xii. d.

Item that no Bakers, or other person or persons, shall at any time or times hereafter, make, vtter and sell by retails,
within or without their houses vnto any of the kings Subiects, any Spice cakes, Buns Biskits, or any other spice
breads, being bread out of assize, and not by lawe allowed) except it be at Burials, or vpon the friday before Easter,
vpon paine of forfeiture of such spice bread vnto the pooe.

Item whereas there are in Citties and Corporate Townes, common Bake: s, bing the mystery of baking there, &
within the same Citties & Townes, The foraine bakers which come into the markets with their breads to be solde,
shall not onely bring with them, such breads, and sorts of sized breads, as the lawes and Ordinances doe allow to bee
made and solde as aforesaid: but also keepe and obserue this order in the weight of their breads, as hereafter followeth:
Because the sayd foreyners doe not beare and pay within the same Citties & Townes such scot and lot, as the Ba-
kers of the same Townes doe.

First the foreyners halfe penny whiteloaves, shall weighe an ounce more in euery loafe, the the Bakers of the same
Townes halfe penny whiteloaves doe.

Item their penny whiteloaves, shall weigh two ounces more in euery loafe, the the Bakers of the same Townes pen-
ny whiteloaves doe.

Item their halfe penny wheaten loaves shall weigh one ounce and a halfe more in euery loafe, then the Bakers in the
same Townes halfe penny wheaten loaves doe.

Item their penny wheaten loafe shall weigh three ounces more in euery loafe, then the Bakers of the same Townes
penny wheaton loaves doe.

Item the penny household loafe shall weigh three ounces more in euery one loafe, the the Bakers of the same Townes
penny household loafe doe.

Item their two penny household loaves shall weigh, six ounces more in euery loafe the the Bakers of the same Townes
two penny household loaves doe.

Provided alwaies, that the Clarke of the market of his Maiesties household, his deputy or deputies, Maiors, Bay-
liffes and other officers of Citties, Corporate townes and liberties, & specially the maister and wardens of the Compa-
ny of Bakers in the Cittie of London, their Officers or ministers, or any of them, shall looke vnto, and haue diligent
care and respect vnto the due performance and execution of these Articles, and shall, and may from time to time, freely
giue and distribute, all such vniuersall breads as shalbe hereafter made & put to sale, being contrary to these Articles
before mentioned, vnto pooe prisoners or any other pooe people, and further we will & commaunde all Iustices of peace,
Constables, Bayliffes, and other officers what soeuer, to be ayding and assisting and helping all the foresaid Officers, in
the due execution hereof, as they will aunsweere to the contrary at their perils.

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